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Whereas, Indiana's current tax system has evolved over the last two centuries and is in need of a comprehensive review;

Whereas, Some elements of the current tax system may no longer function well as the economy changes; and

Whereas, The General Assembly should do all it can to make Indiana's tax system equitable for all its citizens: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish a
2 commission to undertake a comprehensive review and analysis of
3 Indiana's state and local tax structure. The commission shall evaluate
4 the tax system using the following criteria and address these questions:
5 (1) Growth performance and elasticity: is our tax system designed
6 to grow along with the economy of this state?
7 (2) Reliability and volatility: are the revenues raised relatively stable
8 over time or are they excessively volatile and difficult to predict?
9 (3) Distributional effects and fairness: how are the taxes



distributed over various types of taxpayers? Does the system treat similarly situated individuals similarly? Does the system account for individuals' different capacities to bear the burden of taxation?

(4) Transparency and administrative simplicity: are the taxes easy and economical to collect and administer? To what extent does the system result in taxpayers being accountable for paying their taxes and tax agencies accountable for enforcing the laws?

(5) Federal interaction: to what extent are state and local taxes deductible for federal purposes?

(6) Economic climate: what effects do the taxes have on our business climate and overall economic activity? To what extent does the system promote economic growth?

(7) Provision of adequate revenues: does the tax system result in sufficient, stable, and certainty of revenues?

SECTION 2. That the commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) Four (4) individuals appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives as follows:

(A) One (1) member who is a professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

(B) One (1) member who is a professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University.

(C) One (1) member who holds a graduate degree in economics and is employed in the private sector.

(D) One (1) member who is a professor at a state supported university.

(2) An individual who is a former deputy state budget director and is appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

(3) Four (4) individuals appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate as follows:

(A) One (1) member who is a professor of business economics at Indiana University.

(B) One (1) member who is a professor of economics at Ball State University.

(C) One (1) member who is a professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University.

(D) One (1) member who is a professor at a state supported university.

(4) An individual who holds a graduate degree in economics and is employed in the private sector and is appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(5) An individual who holds a graduate degree in economics and is appointed by the governor.

SECTION 3. That the commission shall operate under the legislative council's rules governing study committees, meet as often as is necessary to properly perform its duties, and issue a final report by



1 November 1, 2004.

2 SECTION 4. That the legislative services agency shall provide such
3 legislative drafting, clerical, fiscal research, and administrative personnel
4 and other assistance as is necessary to enable the commission to
5 properly perform its duties.

6 SECTION 5. That members of the commission serve at the pleasure
7 of the person who appointed them.

8 SECTION 6. That the chairman of the commission shall be
9 appointed by the governor.

10 SECTION 7. That the expenses incurred by the commission in
11 performing its duties shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the
12 legislative council.



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